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SUBJECT: 100TH EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS 5.2.3 AND
9.3

1. ITEM 5.2.3. IN ORIGINAL DISCUSSION, PEOPLES REPUB-
LIC OF CHINA (PRC) REQUESTED THAT THE WORLD FEDERATION
OF ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS (WFEO) BE REMOVED FROM
UNESCO'S INVITATION LIST TO THE L977 INTERGOVERNMENTAL
CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (CATEGORY 2) BE-
CAUSE IT HAS MEMBERSHIP FROM TAIWAN. AFTER DISCUSSION
THIS ITEM WAS "POSTPONED" UNTIL LEGAL OPINION COULD BE
OBTAINED CONCERNING THE PRC REQUEST. UNESCO LEGAL AD-
VISOR INFORMED EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT ITS JURISDICTION
INCLUDED THE GRANTING OF INVITATIONS TO CATEGORY 2 CON-
FERENCES AND THAT THIS WAS NORMALLY ACCOMPLISHED BY
MAJORITY VOTE. PRC THEN REQUESTED TOAT SEPARATE VOTE
BE TAKEN ON WFEO. US BOARD MEMBER MADE STRONG STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF NGOS IN GENERAL AS PROFESSIONAL ORGANI-
ZATIONS REMOVED FROM THE POLITICS OF MEMBER STATES AND
IN SUPPORT OF WFEO REMAINING ON INVITATION LIST.
FRANCE RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM BE
POSTPONED TO THE 101ST SESSION OF THE EXBD BECAUSE
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FRANCE ANTICIPATES THAT THE SUBJECT OF TAIWAN WILL AGAIN

BE DISCUSSED AT 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. EXBD VOTED
TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM (21:0:0). US DID
NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE.

2. ITEM 9.3. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION. MANY QUESTIONS
WERE RAISED BY AT LEAST TEN BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING
NUMBER OF DIPLOMAS, INAPPROPRIATENESS OF ADDITIONAL
AWARDS TO EXBD MEMBERS, CRITERIA FOR AWARDS, ETC. US
BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDED THAT "DIPLOMAS OF HONOR" BE
AWARDED TO ONLY THOSE EXBD MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED EXCEP-
TIONALLY OUTSTANDING SERVICE BEYOND THAT NORMALLY PER-
FORMED. THIS AND OTHER INTERVENTIONS BROUGHT ABOUT THE
RETURN OF THIS ITEM TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR FURTHER
STUDY.
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